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SUBJECT: SECOND SOVIET NOTE ON FRG PROCEDURES FOR
EXTENDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO BERLIN

REF: A. STATE 71102; B. USUN 1379

1. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH BOTH AGREED AT APRIL 18 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT NO REPLY TO THE SOVIET NOTE OF APRIL 11 IS NEEDED. THE FOREIGN OFFICE REP (BRAEUTIGAM) SAID THE FRG REMAINS UNSATISFIED WITH SOME OF THE WORDING OF THAT NOTE, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING LAND BERLIN IN INTERNAL FRG LAWS, BUT AGREED THE NOTE NEITHER CALLS FOR A REPLY NOR IS ONE NECESSARY.

2. THE US REP THEN MENTIONED THE DEPARTMENT' S VIEW THAT A NATO BRIEFING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW PAST ALLIED PRACTICE (REF A). THE BRITISH AND FRENCH RAISED NO OBJECTIONS. BRAEUTIGAM SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE NATO BRIEFING IN PRINCIPLE, BUT SAID A BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT ALONE MIGHT RAISE QUESTIONS ON FRG POLICY CONCERNING USE OF THE TERM " LAND BERLIN."
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SINCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS, IT WOULD PREFER THAT MENTION OF THE SOVIET NOTE BE MADE IN THE COURSE OF A BROADER DISCUSSION OF RELATED TOPICS. BRAEUTIGAM SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE IT IN A BROAD BRIEFING TO NATO ALLIES WHICH WOULD ALSO COVER UN ENTRY AND THE GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY WITH THE GDR.

3. THE ALLIES AGREED THAT SUCH A BROADER- BASED BRIEFING SOMETIME IN MAY WOULD INDEED BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IN PREPARING FOR THE JUNE MINISTERIAL. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED TO RECOMMEND, AS PROPOSED BY USUN (REF B) THAT A SUBSEQUENT BRIEFING BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FRAMEWORK AS ENTRY OF THE TWO GERMAN STATES DRAWS CLOSER. DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS REQUESTED. HILLENBRAND

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